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SUBJECT: VAN LENNEP'S SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON

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1. AT A SATURDAY LUNCHEON MEETING HOSTED BY HARVEY WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT, US COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FOR GOVERNOR REUBIN ASKEW AND A FLORIDA TRADE MISSION VISITING PARIS, THE AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP WERE INVITED TO REVIEW THE CURRENT WORK OF THE OECD, AS WELL AS SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED BY THE ORGANIZATION. THE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS OF MR. VAN LENNEP'S REMARKS WERE ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION, WHICH WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR ASKEW AND THE FLORIDA GROUP, MR. WILLIAMS SUGGESTED TO THE GOVERNOR THAT IT MIGHT BE QUITE USEFUL FOR THE PRESIDENT AND SENIOR POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS TO HEAR THE INTERESTING ASSESSMENT MADE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON, PARTICULARLY DURING A PERIOD WHEN US ECONOMIC POLICY IS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATION, AND PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT MEETING. GOVERNOR ASKEW CONCURRED, AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO CALL THE WHITE HOUSE THE FIRST OF THE WEEK

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TO ENCOURAGE APPOINTMENTS BEING ARRANGED FOR VAN LENNEP WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE, AND SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL.

2. GOVERNOR ASKEW ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS DURING HIS VISIT. IN LIGHT

OF SENATOR STEVENSON'S SUGGESTION IN THE SAME VEIN
DURING HIS MOST RECENT VISIT TO PARIS, THE MISSION
CONCURS THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH SENIOR CONGRESSIONAL
OFFICIALS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL AT THIS TIME TO
DISCUSS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE VIEWS
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
MATTERS. IT IS OUR RECOLLECTION THAT SENATOR STEVENSON
MENTIONED POSSIBLY HOSTING A LUNCHEON FOR THIS PURPOSE
WHEN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL NEXT HAPPENED TO BE IN
WASHINGTON.
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